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The Holy Teaching of Vimalakirti

The Tathagata Bhaisajyaraja on Dharma-worship: "...They do not conform to the mundane and are difficult to understand and difficult to see and difficult to realize. They are subtle, precise, and ultimately incomprehensible. As Scriptures, they are collected in the canon of the bodhisattvas, stamped with the insignia of the king of incantations and teachings. They reveal the irreversible wheel of Dharma, arising from the six transcendences, cleansed of any false notions. They are endowed with all the aids to enlightenment and embody the seven factors of enlightenment. They introduce living beings to the great compassion and teach them the great love. They eliminate all the convictions of the Mâras and they manifest relativity."

Shakamuni Buddha: "They contain the message of selflessness, living being-less, lifelessness, personalessness, voidness, signlessness, wishlessness, nonperformance, nonproduction and nonoccurrence.

They make possible the attainment of the seat of enlightenment and set in motion the wheel of Dhamra. They are approved and praised by the chiefs of the gods, the nâgas, yaksas, gandharvas, asuras, garudas, kimnaras, and mahoragas.

They perceive unbroken the heritage of the holy Dharma, contain the treasury of the Dharma, and represent the summit of the Dharma-worship. They are upheld by all holy beings and teach all bodhisattva practices. They induce the unmistakable



public schedule

mondays

* 7:00 am zazen

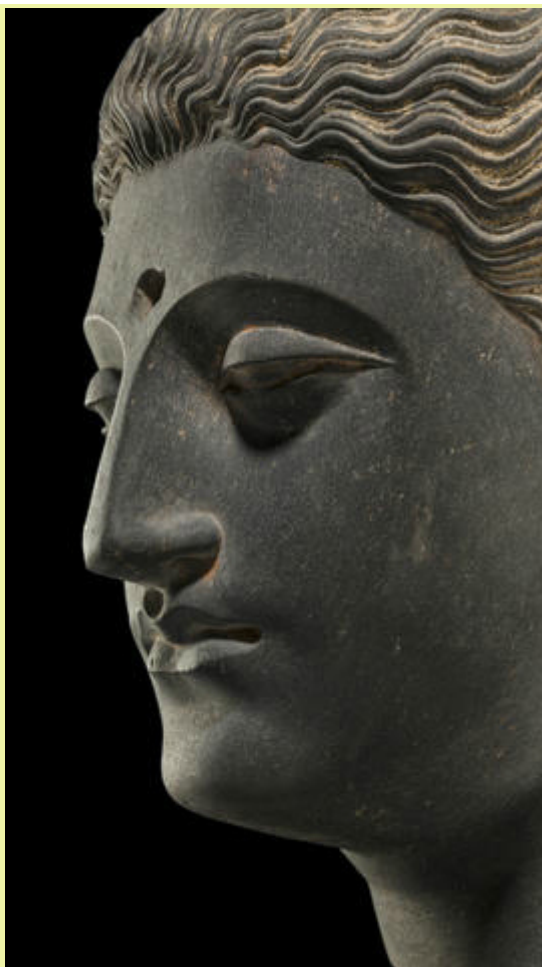
* 7:40 am morning chanting service

6:00 pm zazen

6:40 pm evening chanting service

* last monday of each month, no morning schedule

understanding of the Dharma in its ultimate sense. They certify that all things are impermanent, miserable, selfless, and peaceful, thus epitomizing the Dharma. They cause the abandonment of avarice, immorality, malice, laziness, forgetfulness, foolishness, and jealousy, as well as bad convictions, adherence to objects, and all oppositions. They are praised by all the Buddhas. They are medicines for the tendencies of mundane life, and they authentically manifest the great happiness of liberation. To teach correctly, to uphold, to investigate, and to understand such Scriptures, thus incorporating into one's own life the holy Dharma --- That is the "Dharma-worship".



[The Holy Teaching of Vimalakirti: A Mahayana Scripture](#)
by [Vimalakirti](#) (Author), [Robert A. F. Thurman](#) (Translator)



upcoming events:

[***dharma talks***](#) @10:15am saturdays

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
6:50 am zazen
7:20 am chanting service
7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour 7:30pm

saturdays

6:30 am zazen
7:10 am chanting service
7:25 am soji
8:30 am drop-in instruction
9:25 am zazen
10:15 am dharma talk
11:00 am refreshments/social *

** if a ceremony applies it will occur before social time*

hszc speakers

Myō Lahey - aug 8, 22, 29

Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock - TBD

guest speakers

Dale Borqlum - aug 15; **Anshi Daiqi, Zachary Smith** - sept 19; **Kai Ji, Jeffrey Schneider** - Oct 3; **Ryuko, Laura Burges** - oct 17; **Fugan, Eugene Bush** - nov 14; **Ryuei, Michael McCormick** - dec 12

full moon ceremony - **saturday, Aug 29 @11am** - full harvest or corn moon. the fishing tribes are given credit for the naming of this Moon, since sturgeon, a large fish of the Great Lakes and other major bodies of water, were most readily caught during this month. a few tribes knew it as the Full Red Moon because, as the Moon rises, it appears reddish through any sultry haze. it was also called the Green Corn Moon or Grain Moon

study hour - thursdays @7:30pm: selected Studies of Zen Master Dogen. [see our website](#) for details and which selections were studying. we just wrapped up Vimalakirti Sutra on july 30th!

closure & schedule changes -

first monday of each month - no morning program, only evening [schedule](#)

founder monthly memorials - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

Issan 25th annual memorial event - saturday, Sept 5th @ 11am and sunday, Sept 6th @4pm. Formal invite to come... see below for details and if you wish, to go ahead and RSVP please feel free to do so now!

practice discussions at hszc are available with both Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock. and Dokusan with Rev. Myo Lahey please call us, approach them directly, or email: hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.



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A thank you gift from the HSZC Board to Koshin - Julia Ten Eyck. A thank you for roughly a decade of board service including multiple terms as the president of the board. Also pictured is Peter Goetz a long term hszc member and also a former board member who gave several years of board service to hszc as well!

Thank you BOTH!

words from our Abbot: Rev. Myō Lahey

...There is to some degrees this debate particularly in Japan as to whether or not the “Flowering of Dharma” depends on our effort or something else. Which of those perspectives fits for people is going to depend on karma as well as other things. My feeling is so that the way that the Zen school has had us trying to return over and over again to the most basic and most fundamental place of practice simple is not only consistent with Buddha’s teachings, even the very old teachings but also tremendously helpful. Whether you agree with me or not kind of depends again on Karma among other things.

I had a student for a while in the monastery. This is someone who was contemplating home leaver ordination. And, then one day he said I am going to go now and practice Rinzai <a different school of Zen>. And I said “WHAT?” and I was taken back by that. Retrospectively maybe that was a karmic development, so there wasn’t anything to be done and off he went. I imagine he is perfectly happy and that’s all right.

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But the approach that says looking at various equipment and teachings and so forth and asking that says “can we get rid of that one or how about that one?” dispensing with the ones we can be free of, I find quite that powerful. At the monastery of Christ in the desert, a Benedictine monastery in the desert of New Mexico, every year at lint each monk goes and has a visit with the Abbot and they have a little inventory of their stuff and so the monk and the Abbot go down the list and say “can’t you get rid of that or how about that, do you really need that? And they once a year get rid of everything, everything they don’t absolutely need. Again this can be powerful dispensing of the things we can be free of, quite powerful. It permits a good dynamic with that practice, it is quite helpful...

...So later we’re going to have a short monthly ceremony for the founding Abbot of this temple, Issan, and some of us knew and appreciated him very much. And so "is it necessary to have a memorial?" you could ask, do we need to do a memorial, and well we could probably do without that one, but on the other hand were going to draw a line and say were not going to get rid of everything that's on that side. We’re not going to get rid of that stuff. So for the time being having a memorial for the former Abbot is something we will hang on to for a while but probably we should be ready to dispense of it if circumstances made for it the wise thing to do. This tendency to pare away as much as possible sometimes people feeling like they don’t have anything to rely on. And sometimes Karmically that creates a discomfort. Being humans we like to have the sense we can rely on something, so some people end up feeling very frustrated by the Zen school because things are constantly being taken away. But again according to Buddha’s teaching there is no point in attaching to anything, not even our favorite stuff, especially our favorite stuff. If we can practice non-attachment, even for these things that seem like they are wholesome, beneficial it is helpful.

We go back again and again to just sitting where you don’t have much of anything...



Currently unpublish HSZC talk June 6, 2015



25th Issan Memorial event! September 5th & 6th 2015 @ HSZC

with **an Issan performance vignette event** from
[blackbird by Seth Eisen](#) saturday, Sept 5th
@11am and;

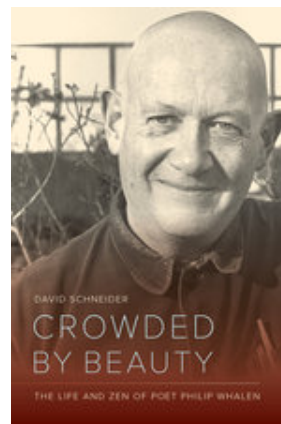
**a Founder's memorial followed by a
reception** sunday, Sept 6th @4pm

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sangha news!

a [new book is in release](#) as of late july 2015 telling the story of the life of
Zenshin, [Philip Whalen](#) (hszc's 3rd abbot) by the same author
as [Issan's](#) (hszc's 1st abbot) life story, both as told by [David Schneider](#)

this book draws from Whalen's journals and personal correspondence—
particularly with Ginsberg, Kerouac, Snyder, Kyger, Welch, and McClure —
David Schneider shows how deeply bonded these intimates were, supporting
one another in their art and their spiritual paths. Schneider, himself an
ordained priest, provides an insider's view of Whalen's struggles and
breakthroughs in his thirty years as a zen priest.



where's Rin?

On her walk across the U.S. to raise awareness of Environmental issues...

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first time guest speaker @ HSZC -

Dale Borglum is the founder and Executive Director of Â Living/Dying Project. He is a
pioneer in the conscious dying movement and has worked directly with thousands of people
with life-threatening illness and their families for over 30 years. In 1981, Dale founded the
first residential facility for people who wished to die consciously in the United States, The

Dying Center. He has taught and lectured extensively on the topics of spiritual support for those with life-threatening illness, on caregiving as a spiritual practice, and on healing at the edge, the edge of illness, of death, of loss, of crisis.

Comments by Jim Shalkham: I discovered Dale in January and was so impressed that I immediately started studying with him. Dale has helped me profoundly in my practice and in my life. Together, we've been exploring how to: be grounded and centered (the hara), develop true open-heartedness, and live a life of unconditional compassion. I had felt stuck and Dale helped me re-discover the joy of practice and living. He asked me, "Does the dharma bring you joy?" By meditating on this question, my heart opened and I truly felt joy, in practice and in my life. He's also helped me 'experience' the refuges and metta practice in my heart and in my body, and not just chant the verses. We are looking at the meaning and pursuit of enlightenment and how to work with grief and loss, and how by letting these emotions in and by experiencing them openly, we become fully connected, one with all things.

Dale has a BS from UC Berkeley and a PhD from Stanford University. He is the co-author of [Journey of Awakening: A Meditator's Guidebook](#), Bantam Books and has taught meditation for the past 35 years. He has intensively immersed himself in the practices of devotion, meditation, and contemplative prayer for over forty years, studying with many of the greatest masters of the last century.

See livingdying.org for more information.

<p>HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!</p> <p>thursdays & fridays 10:30am zazen 11:00am garden socializing</p>
<p>meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction</p> <p>fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm</p>
<p>(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction</p> <p>first thurs, 7:15pm -8:45pm</p>
<p>(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction</p> <p>3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm</p>
<p>board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe!</p> <p>second weds of each month, 7:30pm</p>

*please contact us for rental space & events, ceremonies performed by a zen priest
- weddings, memorials, coming of age & baby naming events -*



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